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Dear Sunset Park Avenues Elementary School Families:

I am writing to share that the New York City Department of Education (NYCDOE) has issued two Educational Impact Statements (EISs) that affect Sunset Park Avenues Elementary School. As you know, Sunset Park Avenues Elementary School (15K516), referred to as P.S. 516, is an existing zoned elementary school that serves students in grades K-5 and a pre-Kindergarten (pre-K) program. P.S. 516 is currently located in building K333 (K333), which is located at 4222 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11232 in Community School District 15, referred to as District 15.

In the first EIS, the NYCDOE is proposing to re-site grades K-3 and the pre-K program of P.S. 516 from K333 to new building K557 (K557), beginning in the 2023-2024 school year. K557 is a new NYCDOE building currently under construction and scheduled to be complete before the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year. K557 is located at 4302 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Brooklyn NY, 11232, also in District 15, and is approximately 171 feet (across the street) from K333.

In the second EIS, which is contingent on the Panel for Educational Policy's (PEP) approval of the first EIS, the NYCDOE is proposing to open and temporarily co-locate a new district middle school (15K964), referred to as I.S. 964, with P.S. 516 in K333 for a two-year period beginning in the 2024-2025 school year. If both proposals are approved, I.S. 964 will be temporarily co-located with grades 4 and 5 of P.S. 516 for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school years, before being re-sited to its permanent site at new building K004 (K004) beginning in the 2026-2027 school year. K004 is located at 4002 Fort Hamilton Parkway, Brooklyn, NY 11218, also in District 15, and is approximately 1.2 miles from K333.

### **What is the NYCDOE proposing?**

The NYCDOE is proposing to re-site grades K-3 and the pre-K program of P.S. 516 to K557 beginning in the 2023-2024 school year. A re-siting means that part or all of a school will be located in a different building than the building in which the school is currently located.

If this proposal is approved, grades K-3 and the pre-K program of P.S. 516 will be re-sited to K557 beginning in the 2023-2024 school year. The School Construction Authority (SCA) has designed K557 with facilities that include classrooms specifically designed for young children, a gymnasium, project room, and a rooftop play space, which P.S. 516 students do not currently have access to in K333. Based on P.S. 516's need for improved and expanded facilities, as well as the close proximity of K557 to K333, the NYCDOE is proposing to re-site grades K-3 and the pre-K program of P.S. 516 to K557.

Additionally, the NYCDOE is proposing to open and temporarily co-locate new district middle school I.S. 964 in K333 beginning in the 2024-2025 school year, and to subsequently re-site the school to new building K004 beginning in the 2026-2027 school year. I.S. 964 will be phased in, serving only grade 6 in 2024-25, and grades 6 and 7 in 2025-26. This proposal, if approved, will provide I.S. 964 with a short-term facility until its anticipated long-term space, new building K004, is ready for occupancy. By temporarily co-locating I.S. 964 in K333, the NYCDOE will be able to make a new middle school option available to District 15 students several years before the completion of K004.

Co-located means that two or more school organizations are located in the same building and may share common spaces, such as:

- Auditoriums;
- Gymnasiums;
- Libraries; and
- Cafeterias.

**If this proposal is approved by the PEP, what does that mean for my child(ren)?**

- Beginning in the 2023-2024 school year, grades K-3 and the pre-K program of P.S. 516 will be re-sited to K557, which is located across the street from K333.
- Beginning in the 2023-2024 school year, grades 4 and 5 of P.S. 516 will remain in K333.
- Beginning in the 2023-2024 school year, P.S. 516 students will have access to new facilities including classrooms specifically designed for young children, a gymnasium, project room, and a rooftop play space.
- K557, also located in District 15, is located across the street from K333, approximately 171 feet away. If this proposal is approved, certain P.S. 516 students may have their eligibility for transportation impacted depending on where they reside in relation to K557, in accordance with Chancellor's Regulation A-801.
- Some students, staff, and administrative personnel may need to travel during the day from K333 to K557 or from K557 to K333 for school-wide events or other special activities
- If both proposals are approved, beginning in the 2024-2025 school year, grades 4 and 5 of P.S. 516 will be temporarily co-located with new district middle school I.S. 964, and will share some common spaces such as the auditorium, gymnasium, library, and cafeteria.
- Beginning in the 2026-2027 school year I.S. 964 will be re-sited to its permanent home in K004 and will no longer be co-located with P.S. 516.
- The NYCDOE does not anticipate that this proposal will impact current or future student admissions or programming at P.S. 516, except to the extent that this partial re-siting will provide more elementary school seats in District 15 and programming congruent with the new facilities offered at K557.

**Where can I learn more about this proposal?**

This letter serves as notice that the EISs for these proposals have been posted on the NYCDOE's website at: <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/about-us/leadership/panel-for-education-policy/2022-2023-pages/february-09-2023-school-utilization-proposals>.

We encourage you to visit that website as we will update it with important dates and new information as it becomes available. Copies of the EISs for these proposals are also available in the main office of P.S. 516.

### **How can I provide feedback?**

In advance of the PEP vote, a Joint Public Hearing for this proposal will be held via teleconference on Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, at 6 p.m. All community members will have the opportunity to share feedback about this proposal at the Joint Public Hearing.

Feedback on this proposal can also be directed at any time to Tori Fenton in the NYCDOE's Office of District Planning by phone at 212-374-0208 or via e-mail at [D15Proposals@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:D15Proposals@schools.nyc.gov).

This proposal must be voted on and approved by the PEP prior to implementation. We anticipate that the PEP will vote on this proposal on Wednesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 6 p.m. at Prospect Heights Educational Campus, located at 883 Classon Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11225. Feedback about this proposal may also be shared at the February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023, PEP meeting.

The official Notice of Proposal and Joint Public Hearing are attached.

Sincerely,



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